

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing and favorable consideration of the subject application, in light of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

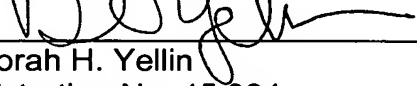
By the foregoing amendment, the specification has been amended to reflect that the present application is a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371. In addition, headings which are inconsistent with U.S. practice, have been deleted. Claim 2 is amended to place the claim in proper U.S. format. Claims 13 and 18 are amended herein to remove multiple dependencies.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Preliminary Amendment, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (703) 836-6620 so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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